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SUBJ: SAFETY SURVEY OF ADB HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS ON 1977 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET LAST NOVEMBER, ADB MANAGEMENT, AT INSTIGATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PROPOSED TO HAVE SURVEY MADE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING TO SEE WHAT STEPS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE ACCEPTABLE SAFETY STANDARDS, AND AS MIGHT BE FOUND NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF THAT SURVEY, TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF SAFETY MEASURES. ADB PRESIDENT INFORMED BOARD THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED STAFF TO TAKE PRELIMINARY STEPS TOWARD RECRUITING FIRM OF CONSULTANTS TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATION AND TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS. BOARD MEMBERS INDICATED THEIR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS INITIATIVE.

2. ON THIS BASIS, BANK'S CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS, SELECTED MESSRS HOWARD NEEDLES TAMMEN & BERGENDOFF INTERNATIONAL (HNTDI) OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FOR SAFETY SURVEY, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE REQUIRES THAT STUDY SHALL BEGIN ABOUT MARCH 15 AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 13 WEEKS THEREAFTER.

- 3. STUDY IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$150,000, COVERING 15 MANMONTHS OF FOREIGN EXPERT SERVICES (INCLUDING EXPERTS UNDER SUB-CONTRACTS IN SEISMIC DISTURBANCES AND FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING) AND 14.6 MAN-MONTHS OF PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORTING SERVICES IN MANILA. AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 IS ESTIMATED FOR MICROFILMING AND REPRODUCTION OF BUILDING PLANS. THIS EXPENDITURE WAS NOT ANTICIPATED IN CURRENT BUDGET AND IF IT SHOULD PROVE TO BE NECESSARY LATER IN YEAR, SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD
- 4. ADB PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS BOARD APPROVAL OF \$150,000 EXPENDITURE FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOR SAFETY SURVEY AND \$10,000 FOR REPRODUCTION OF PLANS, MAKING TOTAL OF \$160,000. IN ABSENCE OF OBJECTION OR REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION BY C.O. B. TUESDAY, MARCH 15 (MANILA TIME) RECOMMENDATION WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED. USADB DOES NOT PLAN TO OBJECT. ADB DOC. R22-77 ON ABOVE SUBJECT POUCHED MARCH 9. SULLIVAN

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